

# ***Autry Activists: Introduction***

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How can you make change in your community? You can make change in your community by becoming an Autry Activist. An activist is a person who takes part in activities to help create change. Be an Autry Activist by completing the following steps:

## **Step 1 - Think**

During Step 1, you will think about the social issues affecting your community.

## **Step 2 - Research**

During Step 2, you will research a social issue and the different activities that you can do to change a social issue.

## **Step 3 - Choose**

During Step 3, you will choose an activity and make a plan for that activity.

## **Step 4 - Take Action**

During Step 4, you will complete the activity using your plan.

## **Step 5 - Reflect**

During Step 5, you will reflect on taking action.

## **Step 6 - Share**

During Step 6, you will share your experience with others.

# ***Autry Activists: Step 1 - Think***

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PART A - Be an Autry Activist by thinking about the different communities that you are a part of. A community is a group of people who have something in common such as interests, race, ethnicity, religion, and culture.

Communities come in all shapes and sizes. Family members form a family community. People who live in the same neighborhood are part of a neighborhood community. Teachers, students, and other school staff members belong to a school community. Children on a baseball team form a baseball community. People who go to the same church are part of a church community. Because there are so many different types of communities, many people can belong to more than one community.

Think about the different communities that you are a part of. Then write the names of these communities in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

The communities that I belong to are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PART B - Think about which community from PART A you would like to focus on as an Autry Activist. Then write the name of this community in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

The community that I would like to focus on as an Autry Activist is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PART C - All communities have successes and challenges. Challenges called social issues affect communities in different ways. Social issues are the conditions, issues, or problems in a community that people want to change. Bullying and homelessness to hunger, pollution, and *racism* are some examples of social issues.

Think about the different social issues that affect the community that you selected in PART B. Then write the names of these social issues in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

The social issues that affect my community are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PART D - Think about which social issue from PART C you would like to focus on as an Autry Activist. Then write the name of this social issue in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

The social issue that I would like to focus on as an Autry Activist is \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Glossary

Racism: Discrimination or hatred based on a person's race

# ***Autry Activists: Step 2 - Research***

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PART A - Be an Autry Activist by researching the social issue that you selected in **Step 1**. Learn more about this social issue by looking online; reading print materials like books, magazines, or newspapers; or *interviewing* people who know a lot about this social issue. Then write what you learned about this social issue in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

One thing that I learned about this social issue is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A second thing that I learned about this social issue is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A third thing that I learned about this social issue is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PART B - Now research different activities that you can do to change the social issue that you selected. Educating others about the social issue, creating art as a form of *activism*, giving money and items to those in need, organizing or participating in an event, and volunteering your time are some examples of activities that you can do to change a social issue.

Learn more about the different activities that you can do to change the social issue that you selected by looking online; reading print materials like books, magazines, or newspapers; or interviewing people who know a lot about this social issue. Then write the names of these different activities in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

One activity is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A second activity is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A third activity is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Glossary

Activism: a practice that emphasizes direct action especially in support of or against one side of an issue

Interviewing: asking a person questions to learn more information

# ***Autry Activists: Step 3 - Choose***

**PART A** - Be an Autry Activist by choosing one activity from **Step 2** that you can do to change the social issue that you selected. Then write the name of this activity in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

The activity that I want to do to change this social issue as an Autry Activist is \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B** - Now choose how you will do this activity by making a plan. Create your plan by writing the answers to the questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

QUESTIONS	MY PLAN
When will you do this activity? Choose the date(s) and time(s).	
Where will you do this activity? Choose the location(s).	
What supplies will you need for this activity?	
Will you need other people's help for this activity? If so, who can you ask for help?	
How much time (hours, days, weeks, months, etc.) will you need to complete this activity?	
What else do you need to complete this activity?	

# ***Autry Activists: Step 4 - Take Action***

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**PART A** - Be an Autry Activist by taking action. Take action by using your plan from **Step 3** to help you complete the activity you chose.

# ***Autry Activists: Step 5 - Reflect***

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**PART A** - Be an Autry Activist by reflecting on, or thinking deeply about, taking action. Reflect on your experience by writing the answers to the questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

QUESTIONS	MY REFLECTION
What did you learn by taking action?	
What did you like the most about taking action?	
What did you like the least about taking action?	
What would you do the same if you were to take action again?	
What would you do differently if you were to take action again?	
Would you like to take action again? Why or why not?	

# ***Autry Activists: Step 6 - Share***

**PART A** - Be an Autry Activist by sharing your experience with others. Write the names of the people with whom you will share your experience in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

I will share my experience with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PART B** - Now decide what you will share with others by thinking about what you did during **Steps 1 - 5**. Then explain what you did by writing the answers to the questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

QUESTIONS	MY ANSWERS
What did you do during <b>Step 1 - Think</b> ? Be specific.	
What did you do during <b>Step 2 - Research</b> ? Be specific.	
What did you do during <b>Step 3 - Choose</b> ? Be specific.	
What did you do during <b>Step 4 - Take Action</b> ? Be specific.	
What did you do during <b>Step 5 - Reflect</b> ? Be specific.	

**PART C** - Think about how you will share your experience with others. You can share your experience with others through a piece of writing, a presentation, social media, a video, and in many other ways. Write how you will share your experience with others in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

I will share my experience with others by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PART D** - Share your experience with others.

**Congratulations Autry Activist! Thank YOU for creating change in your community!**